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Diversion Center Project Update

What We Will Cover

- Diversion Center Project Status Update
- What the Project is and What it is not
- Seven Locks Site Map
- Design Flexibility and Decisions
- Program of Requirements (POR) Update
- Creation of Stakeholder Engagement Team

What We Will Not Cover

- We will not try to sell you on a need for additional mental health services in the County.
- We will not discuss the need to divert mental health patients from our hospital emergency departments.
- We will not use the Newark restoration center to describe the design of the Montgomery County diversion center.

The “Parking Lot”

- We will not be able to answer every design question today.
- Issues that need community input will be added to the “Parking Lot” that will be future points of discussion for the stakeholder engagement team (details on a future slide).

Diversion Center Project Status Update

- Small Group Meeting held on June 15th with City of Rockville and Alliance members.
- Focus on cleaning up the consistency of how we describe this facility and the problem it is intended to solve.
- Ensuring that all documents and websites are consistent with this vision.
- Establishing a mechanism to incorporate community feedback in the design process, including elements that would improve the neighborhood experience with the site.
- County will also be sharing an update at the Rockville City Council meeting on **August 7th**.

	Restoration Center	Diversion Center
Hours of Operation	24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year	24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year
Purpose	Provide integrated care for adults and children with mental health conditions and/or addiction.	Decompression & diversion via short-term crisis stabilization services, then referral to community-based resources
Target Population(s)	County residents experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis	County residents ages 18+ experiencing mental health and/or substance use crisis who have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferred after release from Montgomery County Detention Center (MCDC) • Transported by public safety responders • Transferred and transported from a hospital via ambulance
Accessibility	Open to the general public, “no wrong door” policy	Open to county residents transported by MCPD, MCFRS, DOCR, DHHS, or hospitals

	Restoration Center	Diversion Center
Exclusion Criteria	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-ins • Referrals from community-based behavioral health organizations • Non-county residents • Children/adolescents
Location	Geographic areas with greatest unmet need; highest number of crisis events (e.g., “hot spots”)	Centralized in the County with proximity to the MCDC/Central Processing Unit (CPU) to effectively divert prior to entry into the criminal justice system
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term behavioral health crisis stabilization • May include supported housing, residential and employment programs for walk-in clients • Discharge planning and referrals to community-based resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term behavioral health crisis stabilization for eligible clients • Discharge planning, referrals, & transportation to community-based resources

Seven Locks Site Map



Program of Requirements (POR) Update

- A Program of Requirements is the core initial design document that spells out the intent of the facility, establishes key elements of the service delivery at the site, and the required spatial relationships between those elements.
- The original POR for the “Restoration Center” was completed in April 2022.
- Updating to reflect the facility as a “Diversion Center”
- The Executive Summary of the POR complete
 - The remainder of the document is being reviewed for consistency with that overarching summary.
- The County has committed to sharing the POR with the City as it is being updated.
- The [project webpage](#) will be updated to reflect this clean-up after it is approved.

Creation of a Stakeholder Engagement Team

- Smaller stakeholder team that can bring forward multiple perspectives to work through and propose solutions to meet the community need.
- Proposed Composition:
 - 3 members of neighboring community (Seven Locks Alliance)
 - 2 members of the recovery community (NAMI & STEER)
 - 1 member from the Department of Health & Human Services
 - 1 member from the Department of General Services
 - 1 member from the Department of Correction & Rehabilitation
 - ACAO Stoddard
- Ad hoc participants from the Police Department, Fire Rescue Service, a Hospital representative, the architectural firm & others as deemed necessary by the Team.
- Requesting member identification by **August 15th**. Team will begin meeting in **early September**.

Questions?